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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DECISION TO CLOSE VARIOUS USG OPERATIONS
IN ETHIOPIA

FOR DAR AND NAIROBI

1. BY SEPARATE IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM WE ARE PROVIDING YOU
WITH DETAILS OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG) DECISION THAT
OPERATIONS OF MAAG, USIS, NAMRU, KAGNEW STATION, AND CONGEN
ASMARA MUST TERMINATE APRIL 23 AND THAT ALL AMCITS IN-
VOLVED WITH THOSE ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPATRIATED WITHIN
FOUR DAYS.

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2. WE ARE NOT CONTESTING THE EPMG RIGHT TO TERMINATE
THESE ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER FOUR DAY DEADLINE
TO BE GROSSLY UNREASONABLE AND HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR CHARGE
TO SEEK AN EXTENSION (THOUGH AS OF LATEST REPORT HE UNABLE
CONTACT EPMG). WE FEEL THAT TANZANIANS AND KENYANS HAVE
BEST CHANCE OF INFLUENCING EPMG. YOU ARE THEREFORE IN-
STRUCTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS URGENTLY AT HIGHEST

AVAILABLE LEVEL SEEKING HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN ORDERLY AND SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF US PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS AND THEIR EFFECTS. WE HOPE KENYANS AND TANZANIANS WILL ALSO STRESS TO EPMG ITS RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR THE SAFETY OF DEPARTING AMERICANS BUT FOR THOSE WHO WILL REMAIN IN ETHIOPIA, WHICH COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY EPMG'S PUBLIC INFLAMMATORY JUSTIFICATION FOR ITS ACTIONS. CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO EFFECT WITHDRAWAL IN BRIEF TIME WITH ATTENDANT CONFUSION CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN HARRASSMENT VANDALISM ETC. WE HOPE TANZANIANS AND KENYANS WILL STRESS THE IMPORTANCE TO AFRICA GENERALLY THAT THE DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS FROM ETHIOPIA WILL BE SO ORGANIZED AND IMPLEMENTED AS TO AVOID DAMAGE TO AFRICAN IMAGE.

FOR ADDIS: WITHOUT OF COURSE MENTIONING OUR APPROACHES TO TANZANIANS AND KENYANS, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOREGOING IN APPROACHING EPMG. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHICH OTHER GOVERNMENTS WE MIGHT APPROACH TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR AN EXTENSION.

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